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Setting up the role

What was the need for the role?

- A shortage of radiologists with specific skills in complex ultrasound procedures also a need

Was it an established opportunity?

- The consultant Sonographer role evolved over time the CD role was an established opportunity

Did you apply for the role?

- Yes

Were you the 1st in your department and develop the role

- I was the first consultant sonographer and definitely the first Radiographer to become a CD

Training for the role

Any post graduate study you have completed?

- PG dip and MSc medical Ultrasound. Numerous Leadership courses in the Army. Interventional procedure training was an internal training programme as there were no formal training courses at the time

What did the training involve?

- Direct supervision and assessment by a radiology and respiratory consultant.

Did you have a mentor?

- Yes, Radiologists

How long did it take to develop the skills for this role?

- The role keeps developing so new skills continue to be gained but the majority of these practical skills were obtained over the course of three years.

Career history

- Previous Military Radiographer and Combat medical Technician
- Previous Commissioned Officer (Major) Royal Army Medical Corps
- Qualified sonographer since 1994
- Performing interventional procedures, ultrasound injections since 2010
- Previous Deputy Radiology Manager

Duties

Perform train and advise others to perform a wide range of interventional procedures including guided drainages (including chest drains) core biopsies, FNAs, guided core biopsies, barbotage, paratenon stripping, nerve blocks and Guided steroid injections

Responsibilities

To provide clinical leadership for diagnostic ultrasound throughout the trust

Leadership tasks

Provide clinical leadership to the radiology consultant cadre and the radiology department as the clinical director of Radiology

Role mix

Working with a multidisciplinary team incorporating most acute teams throughout the trust.